direct control of Prasar Bharati which is being spent in publicing advertisements;

(b) the utility of allowing advertisements in the middle of the news broadcast, thereby disturbing the sequence of attention towards the news;

(c) whether the frequency of advertisements is more rapid in the private channels on the average; and

(d) the number of cases of censures as issued in regulating and control of standard and quality in the presentation of serials?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that twenty five per cent of each half an hour transmission slot on Dooradarshan channels is available for carrying advertisements, programme promotion etc.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that the placement of advertisements in News bulletins is done in a manner to ensure accrual of commercial revenue to Doordarshan without in any way impairing the News component.

(c) The Government does not maintain any record of the frequency of advertisements telecast on the private channels.

(d) The Government does not have control on the standard and quality in the presentation of serials telecast by private TV Channels.

**RTI Act**

†2951. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the copies of confidential papers/notings are being sought under the Right to Information Act;

(b) the number of such applications rejected during the year 2006 till 30th June; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORAMTION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) In so far as this Ministry is concerned, all the applications received under the Right to Information Act, 2005 are considered as per the various provisions contained in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Act. If the information falls in any of the exempted categories, the same is not provided to the applicants. The details/reasons for not providing the information are also intimated to the applicants.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Vacant posts in Delhi Doordarshan Kendra**

2952. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies in various grades in the Head Office of Director General Akashwani, Doordarshan and also in the Doordarshan Delhi Kendra;

(b) when was the last direct recruitment took place in Grade A.B. C. and D. at the Delhi Doordarshan Kendra; and

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Upgradation to HTP in Assam**

2953. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to upgrade some LPT to HPT in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is also planning to include news bulletin and other spoken word programme in Doordarshan in some more languages recognized under the eighth schedule of the Constitution including the Bodo language; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Scheme of upgradation of the existing LPT at Kokrajhar in Assam to an HPT has been recently approved at a cost of Rs. 10.80 crores.